

F-3-81  
Kolb-Rice House  
Mountaindale vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1860; ca. 1936

The Kolb-Rice House is a two-section dwelling consisting of a circa 1860 stone rear wing and a circa 1936 1-1/2 story log main section. The stone section was possibly built by charcoal burners from the Catoclin Furnace as living quarters and working space. The log section is built in a close approximation of vernacular log houses of Frederick County, with shaped, square-notched logs without extended crowns at the corners. The house is significant for this technique, which differs from that of other log houses in the vicinity which date from the 1930's. The other buildings have rounded exterior logs and saddle notched corners with extended crowns. The Kolb-Rice House is also notable for the combination of an earlier structure with the 20th century log section.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Kolb-Rice House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 10508 Putman Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Mountindale ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles E. &amp; Frances I. Fultz

street &amp; number 10508 Putman Road telephone no.:

city, town Thurmont state and zip code MD 21788

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 740

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 168

city, town Frederick state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-3-81

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Kolb-Rice House is a 1-1/2 story log and stone dwelling built in two stages, the first being the stone section which is now the rear wing of the house, erected by 1860, and the log section built about 1936. The stone section date was estimated by land records and historical maps and the log section date was provided by the current owner. The house is located on the west side of Putman Road about 100 yards north of the intersection of Mountaindale Road, near Mountaindale, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation faces south and the house is located immediately adjacent to the west edge of Putman Road.

The 1-1/2 story log section was constructed of square-cut logs with square-notched corners, in contrast to several other 1930's log houses nearby which have the more common rounded logs and saddle notching with extended crowns. The south elevation has three bays with a one-story porch extending around to the east elevation. The porch is supported by round logs. The entrance is in the center bay and the windows are 2/2. A shed dormer in the standing seam metal roof has a group of three 2/2 windows. The foundation is stone. The east and west gable ends of the log section have weatherboard siding above the roof eaves. A metal stove pipe rises above the roof near the southeast corner. The whitewashed stone rear wing has an enclosed one-story porch on the west side with german siding. A modern entrance on the north elevation is located in this porch. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. F-3-81

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** C. 1860; C. 1936 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### SECTION 8: Significance:

The Kolb-Rice House is unusual for its combination of a mid-19th century stone structure with a 1930's log house and for the traditional technique of log shaping and joinery of the wood section. The stone wing is said to have been built for charcoal burners employed at Catoctin Furnace who possibly used the structure as both living quarters and working space. This information was provided by Mr. Fultz, the current owner, who also thinks the stone building may have had previous adjoining sections, perhaps of log or frame. A structure owned by William Kolb is shown on the approximate site on the 1873 Titus map and land records show that Kolb acquired the property in 1858. In about 1936, Lewis S. Rice, who bought the property in that year, built the present log section. This was a period when many log cabins and houses were being built near the Civilian Conservation Corps Demonstration Area on Catoctin Mountain, the predecessor of Catoctin Mountain National Park, and Gambrill and Cunningham Falls State Parks. Nearly all of these houses had rounded exterior logs with white stucco chinking and saddle notched corner joinery with extended log crowns. The Kolb-Rice House differed from them in the final result, resembling more the vernacular log structures built in Frederick County from the 18th century until the beginning of the 20th century. The German influence in shaped logs is evident, but the distinctive V-notches of German and North European origin were simplified into square notches, probably in response to more modern materials and fasteners which made the log structure more stable without the necessity of the V-notch.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-3-81

Fulty, Mr. Charles E., personal interview, September 8, 1992

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted  
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 1123

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.57 acreQuadrangle name Catoctin Furnace, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

Zone	Easting					Northing			

B 

Zone	Easting					Northing			

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 39, Parcel 95

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date September 1992street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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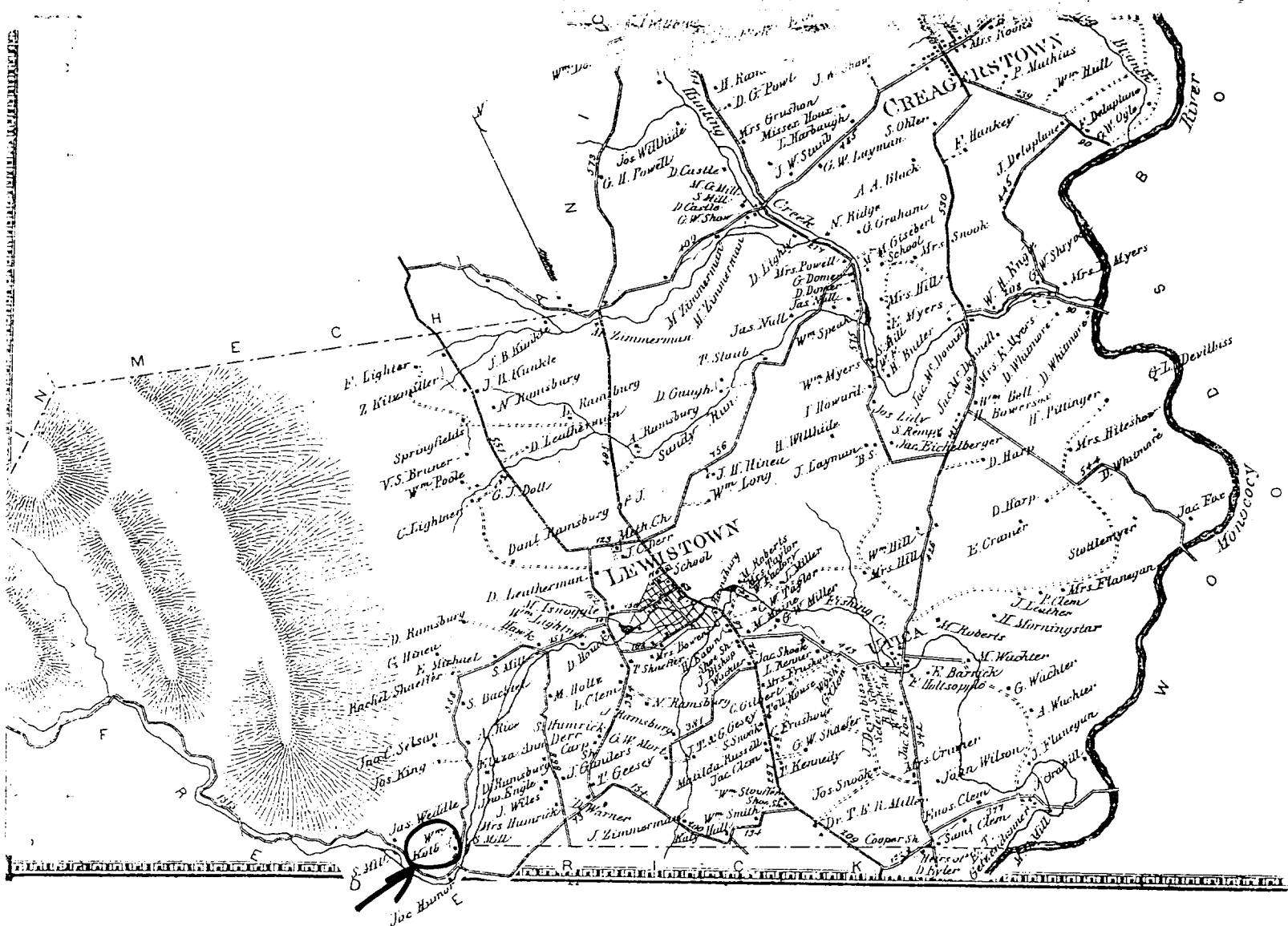
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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032  
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10508 LIBER/F 0	Putman Rd. GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
740/168 13 Jan 66	Charles E. + Frances I. Fully	Ray J. + Rosa A. Rice			
623/285 20 Aug 59	Ray J. Rice et up	Lewis S. Rice, widower			
529/353 12 Apr 54	<del>James + Ethel</del> Lewis S. Rice	James + Ethel Harrison			
503/494 23 Jun 52	James + Ethel Harrison	Lewis S. Rice			
401/440 6 Mar 36	Lewis S. + Annie E. Rice	John D. Stour + Addie G. Stour			
HWB 292/494 14 Sept 10	John D. Stour	Jonnie C. + Charles Himmel		\$220	F-3-81
HWB 290/224 24 Dec 09	Jonnie C. + Charles Himmel	H. Lloyd + Maymie D. Palmer	"Fearnot" 4A.	\$200	
STH 284/216 3 Aug 08	H. Lloyd Palmer	Lewis S. Hamrick + Mary C. Hamrick	"Redmirey on the Fearnought" 25 A.	\$350	

10508 Putman Rd. P. 2 LIBER/FO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
STH 265/516 15 Apr 04	Lewis D. Hamrich	Franklin B. Smith		#400	
JLJ 7/716 30 Mar 1895	Franklin B. Smith	Hammond Kerner assignee of mortgage in Equity 6364 John J. & Annie L. Funk	2 tracts 62A ~ JLJ 1/461	#575	
JLJ 1/461 10 Mar 1892	Annie L. Funk	David Kolb & Clara V. Kolb, et al (David & Mrs. Kolb, decedees of Wm. Kolb, dec.)	"Resurvey on Turnock" - 190. 130. 380. 710.	#1200	
BGF 1/574 4 May 1858	William Kolb	Thos. H. O'Neal	"Resurvey on Turnock"	#827.50	





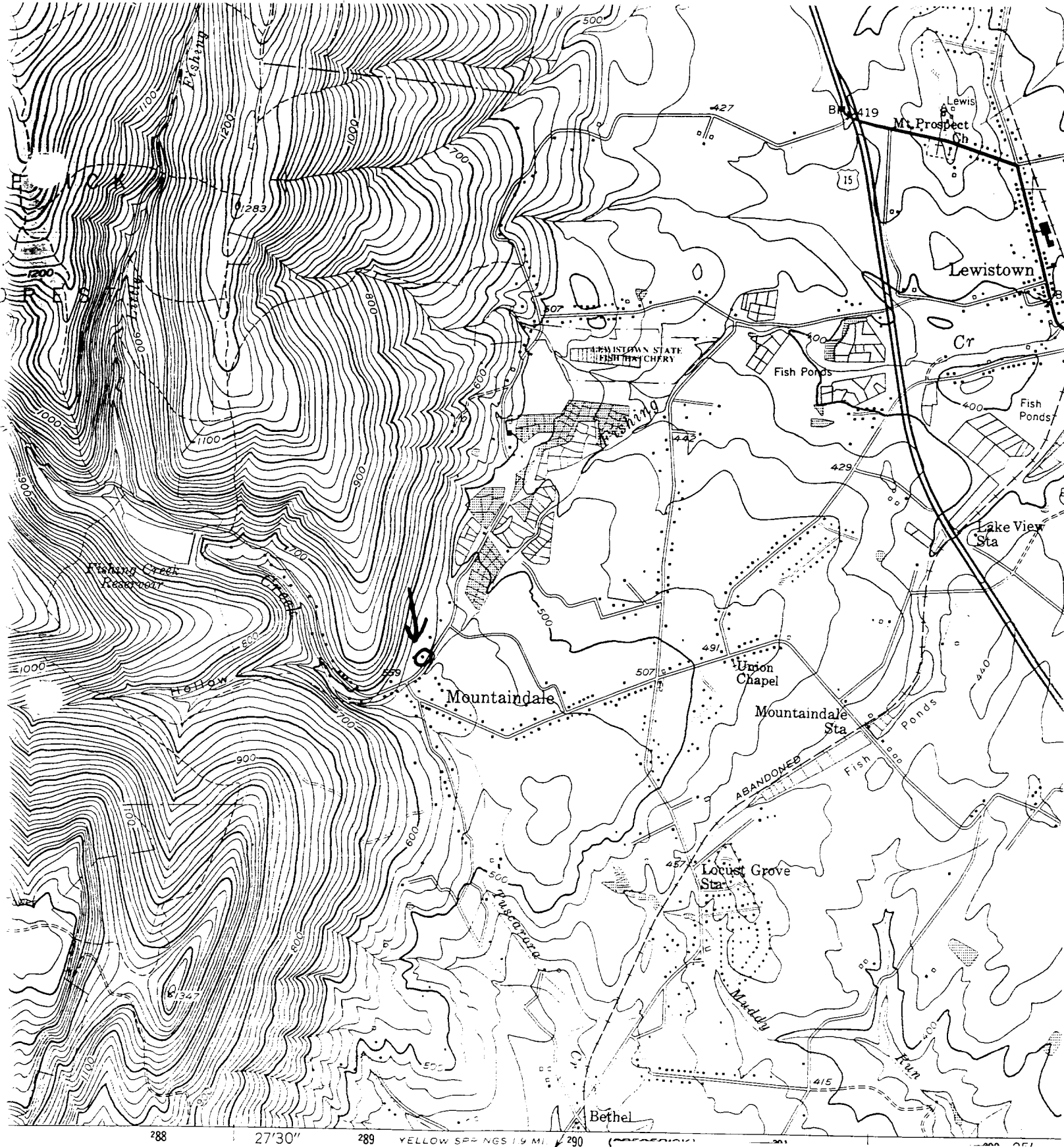
Creagerstown F.D. 1873

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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick  
County, 1858



288 27'30" 289 YELLOW SPRINGS 1.9 MI 290

9:52  
169 MILS

1:33  
28 MILS

BRID AND 1985 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DIRECTION AT CENTER OF SHEET

own in purple and woodland compiled by the

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH

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Kolb-Rice House  
Frederick County  
USGS Catoclin Furnace, Md.  
1:24000

CONTOUR  
NATIONAL GEODETIC



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Kolb-Rice House

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Neg. loc. : Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

South elevation

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Northwest corner view

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